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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2006</b>		Application Number	09/539,421
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

**Total Claims** - 20 or HP =          x          =         

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Application No: 09/539,421

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM  
UTILIZING DIGITAL WATERMARKS IN  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated March 17, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 27 of this paper.